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In re Patent Application of:  
Seiji Yamashita et al.

Application No.: 10/727,518

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Art Unit: 1751

For: SURFACTANT, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME AND  
DETERGENT COMPOSITION

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Examiner: DELCOTTO, Gregory R.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated January 19, 2005, applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the examiner as Group I and directed to a process for producing an aliphatic alcohol alkylene oxide adduct. Claims 9-14 are drawn to the elected invention. Claims 15-21 are drawn to non-elected invention and may be canceled by the examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention.

In addition it is requested that the examiner acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed April 9, 2004(copy attached).

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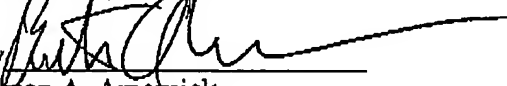
Consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00260-US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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